

And, it's a wrap!

The first day of school is just around the corner, and we have so many things in the works for children and teens in Youth Services during the upcoming months. But first, let's officially put summer behind us with a recap of all the fun we had celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lunar Landing during our CSLP summer reading campaign, *A Universe of Stories*.

Thanks to the generous support of the Friends, Youth Services offered close to 100 programs for children and teens during July and August. From storytimes and puppet shows to Escape Rooms and an on-site miniature golf tournament, we were busy every day throughout the summer. In addition, our play alcove – another project supported by the Friends – was the hub of excitement as it transformed from a Pizzeria to a Space Station.

We enjoyed tracking and celebrating the incredible efforts of our *Universe of Stories* registrants. From pre-readers (the read-to-me's) to adults, we witnessed an outstanding commitment to summer reading, volunteering, program attendance, and even in participation in our weekly, passive challenges. The investment in our library from both our year-round and visiting patrons far surpassed our expectations.

Now, on to fall! September welcomes the return of our Early Release afterschool events, *Mock Tuesdays*, *Wee Read Storytimes*, Tween/Teen volunteer projects, and both the *Chat & Chew* and *My FIRST Book Discussion* groups. In October, we will add a "supercharged" preschool storytime on Tuesdays, the *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* campaign, a "Wonderful World of Bats" presentation, a new parent program, and an intergenerational book discussion group.

For more information on our roster of professional and staff-led programs, stop by Youth Services, visit our website, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



*A Universe of Stories* Shining Stars: Hayden, Hillevi, and Ty!